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In re the Application of

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For: FIBER, PROBE AND OPTICAL HEAD OF MULTIPLE OPTICAL PATH ARRAY
TYPE AND METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) A multiple optical path array type probe manufactured by using the
method for manufacturing a multiple optical path array type probe as claimed in Claim 1.

Please add new claim 17 as follows:

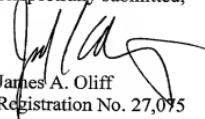
-- 17. A multiple optical path array type probe manufactured by using the method for
manufacturing a multiple optical path array type probe as claimed in Claim 2. --

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 3 is amended and claim 17 is added to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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Attachment: Appendix

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

Claim 17 is added.

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claim:

3. (Amended) A multiple optical path array type probe manufactured by using the method for manufacturing a multiple optical path array type probe as claimed in Claim 1 ~~or 2~~.

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